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Dear Colleagues

It was wonderful seeing and talking to so many of you at the recent KYAE Regional Conferences in Louisville, Lexington and Bowling Green. The KYAE staff and I thank you for the many compliments we received about the conferences. The evaluations show that the conference sessions overwhelmingly met your needs with 98 percent of participants indicating the conference fulfilled their reasons for attending. Believe it or not, we're already talking about the next round of KYAE conferences!

I also want to congratulate all those honored with Learning for Life Awards – there weren't many dry eyes in the audience as we all listened with justified pride to the moving stories of our students, GED graduates, supporters and dedicated adult educators. The honorees are listed below with a Web link to their photographs and background information.

And I would be remiss if I didn't heartily thank our Jeopardy contestants, all of whom provided a fun ... and educational ... ending to the conferences. They are listed below. Thanks for being so entertaining and such great sports!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if there are issues you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,



Learning for Life Awards

At the regional conferences, KYAE honored 24 students, GED graduates, organizations and adult educators with Learning for Life Awards. The honorees are listed below with a Web link to photographs of and information about each award winner.

We also honored 63 adult educators who have at least 20 years in adult education. Their photos are also [online](#).

Region 1

- Learning for Life Champion Award – Wendy Anderson, KCA Corporation, Christian County

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- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Amy Clark, Hancock County
 - Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Carol Lane, Calloway County
 - Learning for Life 110% Award – Cris Crowley, program director, Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties

Region 2

- Learning for Life Champion Award – Sandra Chaney, Wal-mart, Pulaski County
- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Melanie Abney, Logan County
- Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Margaret Sullivan, Warren County
- Learning for Life 110% Award – Tasha Tolliver, adult education instructor, Russell County

Region 3

- Learning for Life Champion Award – Louisville Free Public Library
- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Corey Mumpfort, Jefferson County
- Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Anthony Smith, Jefferson County
- Learning for Life 110% Award – Julie Scoskie, program director, Jefferson County

Region 4

- Learning for Life Champion Award – Dave Scheid and Wanda Raisor, North American Stainless, Carroll County
- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Bobby Harney, Pendleton County
- Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Mary Milner, Kenton County
- Learning for Life 110% Award – Amber Decker, program director, Kenton County

Region 5

- Learning for Life Champion Award – McDonald's of Central and Southeastern Kentucky Cooperative
- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Betty Lee Chumley, Fayette County
- Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Tim Wells, Harrison County
- Learning for Life 110% Award (tie) – Lane Lewis, family literacy coordinator, Franklin County; Jim Porter, program director, Clark County

Region 6

- Learning for Life Student of the Year Award – Tracy Hamilton, Perry County
- Learning for Life GED Achievement Award – Betty Boggs, Lee County
- Learning for Life 110% Award – Brenda Morris, program director, Harlan and Bell Counties

Thanks to Jeopardy contestants!

Thanks to the following adult educators for playing KYAE Jeopardy at our regional conferences.

Louisville, Region 3:

- Missy Bradley, Art Dietz and John Greenwell, Jefferson County
- Sarah Hornback, Larue County
- Melanie Staderman, Hardin County
- Diane Wise, Nelson County



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Lexington, Region 4, 5, 6

- Bill Bates, Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative
- Cindy Maggard, Carter County
- JoEllen Mitchell, Pendleton County
- Betsy Popple and Peg Russell, Kenton County
- Melissa Rolph, Lincoln County

Bowling Green, Region 1 & 2

- Cris Crowley, Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties
- John Durbin, Daviess County
- Kathryn Hardman, Laurel County
- Anna-Laura Hocker, Warren County
- Joey Quinton, Pulaski County
- Rodney Johnson, Russell County

Region 5 contact

Martha Fightmaster, the Region 5 program support associate, recently retired. All of us at KYAE and all the program administrators, teachers, students and businesses she worked with will miss her. Until her position has been filled, regional program support associates Donna Potter and Linda Pankratz will provide support to Region 5 counties.

Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Harrison, Madison, Nicholas and Powell Counties may contact Donna at (502) 573-5114, ext. 121, or Donna.Potter@ky.gov.

Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Scott and Woodford Counties may contact Linda at (502) 573-5114, ext. 103, or Linda.Pankratz@ky.gov.

October is Math Month!

KYAE has a new team of regional math trainers, and we're excited to be able to offer more math workshops in your region. The math trainers are:

- Region 1: June Vander Molen, Calloway County
- Region 2: Jayme Garrett, Barren County
- Region 3: Wayne Couvillion, Jefferson County
- Region 4: Betsy Popple, Kenton County
- Region 5: Brenda Hill, Madison County
- Region 6: Cindy Maggard, Carter County

The *Orientation to Teaching Math* workshop has been replaced by *Foundations in Math Instruction*, required for all new instructors. The workshop has been expanded to two days so participants can have more time to learn and practice new strategies for teaching math. Several of the workshops will be held on two consecutive Fridays in October or November, and participants are required to attend both sessions to earn PD credit.

The math workshop is also open to any experienced instructor who wants to brush up on math skills.

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The morning of the first day is three hours of math content with the remainder of the workshop focusing on teaching strategies.

The workshop locations and dates follow. Check the catalog on [PDtrack](#) to find more information about the specific location of the workshop.

- Ashland – October 11-12
- Richmond – October 12 and October 19
- Madisonville – October 19 and October 26
- Boone County – October 26 and November 9
- Louisville – November 9 and November 16
- Prestonsburg – November 21 and November 30



Additional *Foundations in Math Instruction* will be offered in spring 2008 for new instructors hired after November.

Have a math question? [Ask Dr. Math](#)

New reading, writing PD opportunities

Kentucky Adult Literacy Educators Writing Institute

Taught by Lynne Smith, NKU Writing Project Director, the institute begins October 3. Educators will learn how to develop an ongoing writing program suited to student needs. Participants examine the writing process in the light of adult students' specific characteristics. Personal, literary and informal writing will be explored through examination and experimentation with graphic organizers, planning sheets, conferencing strategies, editing strategies and publishing options. Classroom organization for writing will be discussed as will ways to document progress over time. More information is available on [PDtrack](#); participants will receive six PDUs for the institute.

Foundations in Reading and Writing Instruction

Learn the latest in research-based reading instruction. This is a required workshop for all new ABE/GED instructors. This workshop replaces Orientation to Reading and Writing and provides adult educators with the latest research-based practical strategies to improve adult reading and writing competencies. Educators will learn a comprehensive, practical approach to teaching adults one-on-one and in a classroom and gain a better understanding of the adult struggling reader. Participants will receive one PDU for the workshop and an additional four to five PDUs for completing an on-the-job application assignment. More information is available on [PDtrack](#).

Adult Diagnostic Reading Inventory, ARCs Reading Profiles

Educators will have an opportunity to go beyond the TABE and identify reasons students may not comprehend material successfully by taking a workshop in either the Adult Reading Diagnostic Inventory (ADRI) or the ARCS learning profiles. These tools may be used in a student interview or ongoing assessment to further identify reading difficulties and identify strategies to improve decoding, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Once educators complete one of these workshops, they are eligible to participate in Strategies for the Struggling Reader in the spring, which will provide hands-on practical strategies to teach reading to literacy level and ABE/pre-GED level students. The ADRI will be taught by Judi Rawlings, who has more than 25 years in adult education; ARCs will be taught by Donna Elder, reading specialist from the National Center for Family Literacy. More information is available on [PDtrack](#).

KAACE-KYAE Institute

The 2007 KAACE-KYAE Institute offers “Absolute Engagement” – and \$6,000 in scholarships. The Institute, scheduled for November 29-30 at the Galt House in Louisville, will help adult educators to become absolutely engaged in the classroom and beyond.

During the institute, 12 adult educators (two from each region) will be awarded \$500 scholarships, which may be used for college or conference fees. Adult educators must be KAACE members to be eligible for scholarships.

The institute will include the following instructional strategy sessions:

- Don't Tell Me How to Study, Teach Me How to Study – Robyn A. Rennick, Tallahassee, Florida
- Reading and Learning for a Lifetime – Ann Anzalone, Dayton, Ohio
- Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks (lower-level math) – Joyce Evans, Richmond, Virginia
- GED Mathematics Test – Kenn Pendleton, Washington, D.C.
- Civic Engagement in the Classroom – Missy Brownson, Owensboro, and John Greenwell, Louisville

The institute will also include a civic engagement panel discussion with state policy leaders, as well as civic engagement breakout sessions on national and state trends and grassroot activities.

Visit www.kaace.org to find out more about the KAACE-KYAE Institute, to apply for a scholarship or to become a KAACE member.

PD Connection summer edition

“Out of the Box and into a New Framework” is the theme of the latest [PD Connection newsletter](#). Topics include learning stations, reading resources, learning disabilities, tech tips and PDtrack updates. Adult educators are encouraged to read the latest PD news!

PLATO and WIN training

Additional PLATO and WIN training dates are being added to the calendar in [PDtrack](#). More sessions will be arranged as Web conferences to accommodate adult educators across the state. The format will include an online guided tour of PLATO or WIN followed by an independent practice assignment.

Denise Lewis of PLATO will be hosting the first series of Web conferences on September 26 – 28. She will discuss the TABE 9/10 alignments available in PLATO and how to use them with students. You may sign up for the Web conferences through [PDtrack](#). On September 26 and 27, the session runs from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. The September 28 session runs from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., Eastern Time. Practice activities will be provided so that participants may earn one PDU for the session.

Please contact Erika Larson at (502) 573-5114, ext.104, or Erika.Larson@ky.gov for more information.

Focus on Science and Technology Conference

Ashland Community and Technical College is sponsoring its 15th Annual Teaching/Learning Conference, [Focus on Science and Technology](#), October 25-26. This is a KYAE-approved conference for which adult educators may earn one PDU. Dr. Dee Tadlock, director of research and development for Read Right Systems, will be the featured speaker and will present several sessions.

New Go Higher Grant for adults

A new, need-based grant program is available for adults age 24 or older with no previous college experience. Eligible adults may qualify for up to \$1,000 for one academic year when they enroll in a participating Kentucky college or university less than half-time, which is usually one or two courses. More information is available [online](#).

Policy clarification for GED test readiness

Approved forms for the Official Practice Test (OPT) are Practice B (PB), Practice C (PC), Practice D (PD), Practice E (PE), Practice F (PF) and Practice G (PG). The [KYAE Policy and Procedure Manual](#) has been revised to include the full list of the approved forms on page 31.

GED123.org update

Revised instructions for using GED123.org are posted on [KYAE's Web site](#). Please print and review the more detailed instructions.

Also, please note that as of October 1, KYAE will no longer mail non-passing GED test results to examinees. Students will receive their results online through the GED123.org process.

Please allow us to introduce...

"Please allow us to introduce..." is a feature spotlighting KYAE staff members to help adult educators become more familiar with KYAE staff. This issue features Meryl Becker-Prezocki and Gayle Box.

Meryl Becker-Prezocki

As a senior associate, Meryl leads KYAE's newly created curriculum and instruction team focusing on content standards, GED for college prep, Developmental Education Task Force recommendations, learning disabilities, increased learning gains and distance learning.

Meryl recently retired from Jefferson County Public Schools with experience in adult education as well as elementary, middle and high school. Her area of expertise is special learning needs.

Meryl has a Rank 1 certification and degrees from the University of Illinois Chicago and Illinois State University.

"Helping students have success and reach their goals is my passion," she says of working in adult education. "I love the challenge of being able to make an impact and change lives."

Meryl, who has four adult children, lives in Louisville with her husband and white bichon frise.

Fun fact: Meryl's husband owns horses, and she often goes to tracks around the country to watch them race – she especially likes being in the winner's circle.

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Gayle Box

Gayle Box is an associate on the newly created curriculum and instruction team as described above. Prior to joining the KYAE staff, Gayle spent five years as the lead adult education instructor in Perry County.

Gayle has degrees in education from Texas State University and spent 24 years teaching general music and choir in the Texas public school system. She was drawn to adult education because, she says, "I believe that lifelong education is the key to a productive, healthy life for everyone. As adult educators, we have the opportunity to positively impact and change lives."

She and her husband, Jay, live in Versailles. Their son, Jason, graduated from the University of the South in 2006. They keep their son's miniature schnauzer, Heidi.

Fun fact: Gayle likes to travel and enjoys the arts, bird watching and flower gardening.

Newspapers in Education update

Kriss Johnson from the Lexington Herald-Leader highlighted the newspaper's e-edition at the recent KYAE conferences. In mid-September, each county will receive a username and password for daily access to the full Herald-Leader online. Account information will be e-mailed to KYAE program directors. Please contact Erika Larson at (502) 573-5114, ext.104, or Erika.Larson@ky.gov if you have questions or would like to request duplicate accounts.

In addition, a 16-page "Study Skill Builders" supplement was included in the September 18 edition.

Correctional association returns

The Kentucky Correctional Education Association Chapter (KY-CEA) is back. This organization is for all who have an interest in corrections education. If you would like more information, contact Olivia Dodge at OliviaA.Dodge@ky.gov or Roy M. Tapp at roym.tapp@kctcs.edu or visit the national [CEA webpage](#).

Valuable links

Kentucky is one of 20 states mentioned in a new paper, [Workplace Education: Twenty State Perspectives](#), by the National Commission on Adult Literacy. Cheryl King, formerly of KYAE, is study director for the Commission, an independent panel of leaders from labor, business, government, education, literacy and philanthropy. The Commission is examining the reach and outcomes of the current adult education and literacy system and studying changing demographic trends and the role and impact of adult education on the economy. Sarah Hindman Hawker of KYAE is serving as one of several resource people to the Commission's study.

The commission also recently released another paper, [Family Literacy in Adult Education, The Federal and State Support Role](#).